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A representative for Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently presented Shelly Morell of Westland with a Shining Star Award.

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Friends of the Rouge moving to Plymouth

Friends of the Rouge will be relocating their offices to downtown Plymouth late this summer. The organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, began in 1986 to raise awareness about the need to clean up the Rouge, one of the most polluted rivers in the nation. New headquarters will be in downtown Plymouth in the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

The organization provides opportunities for residents to participate in cleanups, stream and wetland monitoring, restoration projects, and recreational activities like canoeing and kayaking. The Rouge River Watershed drains 467 square miles of land in southeast Michigan and includes Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth.

> *"Having Friends of the Rouge located in the heart of our community is a major achievement.*

"Friends of the Rouge is excited to be moving its offices to PARC in downtown Plymouth. The history of Plymouth and its connection to the Rouge River is a natural fit for Friends of the Rouge. We're looking forward to continuing and expanding our programs from our new home and being able to interact with the other organizations located at PARC," commented Friends of the Rouge Board President Michael Darga.

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex is also a 501(c)3 public charity, leading the effort to repurpose the historic Plymouth High/Central Middle School and the 16.6 acres on which it stands, into an arts, education and recreation destination serving Plymouth and the surrounding area.

"We are pleased to add Friends of the Rouge to our impressive list of tenants. Plymouth has always had an affection for the Rouge River. Having Friends of the Rouge located in the heart of our community is a major achievement," noted Don Soenen, president of PARC.

The mission of Friends of the Rouge is to promote restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life of the people, plants and animals of the watershed, according to a prepared statement.

Sign of Spring

Farmers markets open in area

Julie Brown
Special Writer

When the Plymouth Community Farmers Market opened last Saturday, there was no shortage of flowers for Mother's Day along with the other offerings of fresh produce and foodstuffs.

Food experts agree about the benefit farmers markets provide, offering good-quality fresh food while supporting farmers and the overall economy.

The Plymouth market, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 27 in The Gathering, next to the Penn Theater and across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

It features fresh produce, plants, herbs, baked goods, jams and jellies, honey, sauces, candles, soaps and more. Additional information is available at www.plymouthmich.org or by calling (734) 453-1540.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market will open Thursday, May 17, and is on Carlson south of Ford Road.

"It'll be the inauguration of our new pavilion," named for the Westland Lions Club, said Mary Vellardita, chamber marketing/membership director.

Vellardita said she was excited about having room for up to 30 vendors. "To have 30 spots that will not need tents is pretty cool," she said of the new structure adjacent to a market building already being used.

The Westland All-American Farmers & Artisans Market is open from 3-7 p.m. Thursdays and accepts most food assistance programs. The Westland Downtown Development Authority and City of Westland present the market under Westland Chamber management.

For more, visit www.westlandfarmersmarket.com or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com. On May 17, Ken's Country Produce will offer spring flowers, with many new and returning vendors this year.

The Romulus Farmers Market opens Wednesday, June 13, and weather permitting continues through Sept. 26. Information is available at www.romulusgov.com or on the Facebook page. The Romulus market is at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus.

"Most of them are Romulus residents," Romulus Downtown Development Authority staffer

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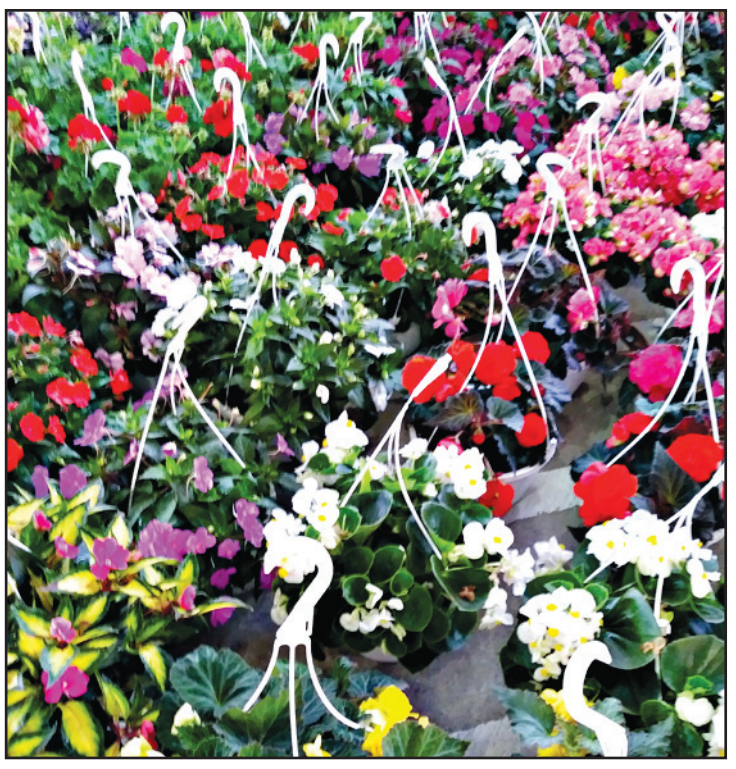

The Plymouth Community Farmers Market includes flowers.

Customer Ken Zierau of Plymouth buys some honey at the Plymouth market May 5 from vendor Dave Zurek of Northville Township. Zurek participates in Northville and Plymouth markets with his honey business and is also at Busch's stores.

Westland police mark department changes

Westland police recently welcomed a new officer, bid farewell to a retiring veteran of the force and congratulated a third on his promotion.

During recent ceremonies, the department welcomed new officer Michael Kumeisha, promoted veteran officer Jason Brassfield and said farewell to Sgt. Paul White.

Kumeisha has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University and a total of eight years of police experience. He also possesses special training as an evidence technician and a field training officer.

Brassfield has been promoted to the rank of sergeant after 13 years with the Westland Police Department. Prior to his time in Westland, he worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. Brassfield is also a former Westland Police Explorer and has an associates degree in Criminal Justice from Schoolcraft College.

During his time on the Westland Police Department he has served as a member of the Special Investigation Unit, the Western Wayne County Mobile Field Force, a field training officer and a firearms instructor.

White is retiring from the Westland Police Department after 19 years of service. Prior

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Westland City Council President Jim Godbout, left, welcomes new police Ofc. Michael Kumeisha, and congratulates Sgt. Jason Brassfield and Sgt. Paul White. The officers were also congratulated by Mayor William Wild and City Clerk Richard LeBlanc.

Belleville - Canton

Canton Community Connection Day draws crowd

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Being lost and alone is frightening for anyone, especially a child.

That's why Canton Police Ofc. Patty Esselink was pleased so many people attended the Community Connection Day, to help disabled people become comfortable with first responders last month. The event is ongoing in Canton Township.

The event took place at the Summit on the Park in partnership with Canton Public Safety and other groups. Children got to see fire trucks and other emergency vehicles up close, even sitting in the fire truck driver's seat.

It builds relationships, "so that we can both learn from each other," explained Esselink. Her department has forms at the station for families to complete with details such as if disabled people are verbal or nonverbal.

"Hey, we're just people. We just wear a uniform. And obviously we're here to help them. The uniform scares people or they're intimidated by it. Building that personal relationship, a lot of times just getting to know us helps," she said.

"When you're a parent, you kind of better understand kids, being a mom."

Erin McKenzie of Brighton brought son, Declan McKenzie, 2 1/2, and he got to sit in the fire truck - although not drive it. "It's wonderful," the mom said of Community Connection Day. "It's great for the kids to meet the first responders. And he loves the fire trucks. He's here with his Papa," grandfather Pat Williams of Canton.

Jeremy Dochenetz, a Canton firefighter-paramedic, was also pleased with the turnout.

"It's great having them out here. It seems like they're enjoying the day. It would have been a little better without the rain."

Dochenetz noted children especially can be scared of lights and sirens. The activities were moved indoors due to heavy rain. He noted first responders react "all the time. Snow, rain or sunshine."

Additional partners for the day included the Building Bridges Therapy Center, Services To Enhance Potential/STEP, and Canton Therapeutic Recreation. Canton Therapeutic Recreation is online at www.cantonfun.org or at (734) 394-5367.

Westland resident Jessica Stewart is preschool program/special needs director for Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, with several metro locations.

"Because it's such an adaptive sport it can be individualized," she said. "It helps improve physical, gross motor, fine motor (skills). It helps with social skills, learning to wait turns and being in a social setting. It's following directions, spatial awareness," she said.

It helps with cognitive skills and coordination as well: "It's just a great foundation for wherever life might take them," Stewart added.

Jennifer and Jason Girard of Canton brought son, Red, 18 months. She's a Canton Township recreation specialist who helped coordinate Community Connection Day.

Declan McKenzie, 2 1/2, enjoys sitting in the fire truck driver's seat at the Community Connection Day in Canton

The couple's son enjoyed gymnastics and more.

Livonia resident Carol Kuyava is with the Plymouth Lions and among Project KidSight volunteers. They provided a quick screening to help parents follow up with an eye doctor on any vision problems.

"Because over time we found out some children have serious eye conditions," said Kuyava, noting it helps to preserve eyesight.

"We try to get the kids where we can," such as churches, schools and libraries. "Wherever we're wanted, we try to go. We've done stuff in Detroit" as the Plymouth Lions, added Kuyava.

Also on hand were: the Miracle League of Plymouth, with special needs sports in downtown Plymouth; Michigan Youth Sled Hockey; Poseidon Handicap Scuba Adventures; Mt. Brighton Adaptive Sports; and the Canton Public Library, among others.

The Judson Center/Autism Connections (www.judsoncenter.org, (248) 837-2047) offers a variety of services. It began with adoption, and was also represented at the event.

Local man charged in theft

A Canton Township man is facing up to 35 years in prison if convicted of three felony charges filed by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy last week.

Kurt Thomas Eschmann, 34, has been charged in connection with an alleged embezzlement and larceny scheme perpetuated while he was employed as a Telecommunications Manager for the Wayne County Department of Technology. Eschmann's job responsibilities included ordering electronic devices for Wayne County.

An independent audit conducted by the Wayne County Office of the Legislative Auditor General uncovered the criminal activities, according to reports from the prosecutor's office.

Eschmann was employed with the county from April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2016, when he resigned.

It is alleged that from April 2014 through April 2016, the defendant ordered more than 200 cell phones and Ipads under the county communications contract and kept the devices for himself. Prosecutors allege the defendant sold some of the devices on the internet and others were turned over to Sprint for credit on his personal cell phone bill. The retail value of the stolen devices was more than $90,000.

The prosecutor's office referred to the investigation as "time-consuming and complex."

Eschmann has been charged with one count each of: embezzlement over $50,000 a 15-year felony; using a computer to commit a felony, a 10-year felony and larceny by conversion $20,000 or more, a 10-year felony. Arraignment on the charges was scheduled earlier this month.

Diabetes workshop planned

The Belleville Area Lions Club will host a workshop on diabetes awareness and education at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

The speaker, Alicia M. Jackson, Med, CHES is the program manager of Community Health with Beaumont Corporate Services.

A spokesman said that the Lions Club is increasing efforts to promote diabetes awareness and education.

Diabetes contributes to more than 5 million deaths a year, making it the eighth-leading cause of death in the world, according to a prepared release from the Lions Club.

Lions and Leos are confronting the global health emergency by raising awareness of diabetes through Strides events, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs and improving quality of life through diabetes camps and community recreational programs.

"We believe we can help prevent and control this global epidemic by uniting Lions and Leos around this cause," the spokesperson concluded.

The presentation will take place at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, 95555 Haggerty Road, Room C104.

There is no cost to attend the presentation.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
MAY 10, 2018

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco. **Alternate:** Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: April 12th, 2018 Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant GVVA Capital, LLC and Project Representative Farhat Raheem for Property located at 42444 Barchester, in the Willow Creek Subdivision, on the North side of Barchester between Lilley and Foxthorne Roads, Zoning R-5 appealing Article 2.09 (a)(3)(a) Yard and Bulk Regulations in Side Yards and Article 26.02 Schedule of Regulations Parcel ID 71-042-01-007-002 (Building)

2. Applicant Frank Jarbou for property located at 44005 Michigan Avenue, on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads, Zoning C-3 appealing Section 6.02.Q.7 Site Development Standards for Nonresidential Uses, Open Air Businesses, Building Material Sales Establishments, Relative to the Minimum Frontage on a State Thoroughfare and Frontage on a Paved County Road. Parcel ID 71-133-02-0040 and 71-133-02-0040-008 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – May 1, 2018

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams. Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas Additional Staff: Carolyn Cox – Budget, Benefits, & Internal Audit Mgr. Bill Serchak - Engineering Services Manager Staff Absent: Director Meier, Director Trumbull **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1: Consideration of Resolution Approving Ballot Language for Road Improvement Millage** Supervisor Williams gave an overview of how this considered resolution came about. Prior to the board discussing this issue he asked for public comment. **Public Comment:** Mark Horvath, 7758 Charrington Drive, requested to hold his comments after the motion is taken. Supervisor Williams agreed. There was no other public comment at this time. Following Board member discussion, Supervisor Williams opened the meeting up for public comment again. **Additional Public Comment:** Mark Horvath, 7758 Charrington Drive, commented on his opinion of a millage that he feels will be ineffectual. Mike Malone, 50453 Eisenhower Drive, commented he would like the electeds to reprioritize the township budget rather than request a millage. Darian Moore, 4022 Bruton, request the township delay placing this on the August 2018 ballot. Jim Leddy, 6757 Brookshire, commented favorably on the idea of reprioritizing the budget. Mr. Leddy inquired why the township doesn't get more of the Act 51 money. Gary Hotycki, 47596 Ten Point, commented that he does not want a tax increase. He doesn't want any tax monies spent on subdivision roads. He feels there are other ways to solve the roads problems. George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on potholes on Palmer and Sheldon Road. He inquired where the funds came from to pay for the paving of these two roads. He inquired about shelters available for senior residents during power outages. Chuck Miller, 47074 Glastonbury, commented that he does not want to pay any more taxes. Jim Leddy, 6757 Brookshire, questioned redirecting unspent funds vs. redirecting the overall funds. Director Faas explained how this would work in order to take advantage of potential projects on primary roads. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adopt the following resolution adopting a road improvement millage ballot language and direct the Clerk to forward a certified copy of the resolution to the County Clerk for inclusion on the August 7, 2018 Primary Ballot. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE WHEREAS,** the Charter Township of Canton communicated an interest in pursuing the feasibility of a road initiative and established an advisory roads task force on July 25, 2017; and **WHEREAS,** the Michigan Transportation Fund Act, Public Act 51 of 1951, created a formula to distribute funds for road repair and maintenance that are insufficient to meet the infrastructure needs of the State; and **WHEREAS,** the Charter Township of Canton has determined that the condition of roads are substandard and wishes to provide road maintenance and improvements within the Township; and **WHEREAS**, Townships may provide road maintenance and improvements, as authorized by Public Act 246 of 1931, MCL 41.271 – 41.290; and **WHEREAS**, Townships may contract and cooperate with other entities to provide road maintenance and improvements to protect property and the health, safety, and welfare of the public, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and **WHEREAS**, Townships may impose and levy *ad valorem* property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Charter Township of Canton wishes to levy 1.45 mills to provide public road maintenance and improvements; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be place on the August primary election ballot: Shall the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, levy a new millage of 1.45 mills for 20 years for the purpose of paying the costs of maintaining, improving, rehabilitating, and reconstructing State & County roads in the Township, including pedestrian pathway improvements and storm water drainage improvements, together with all costs of designing and acquiring right-of-way, and appurtenances and attachments thereto, as well as to pay off any principal and interest on any debt issued related to the improvements as described herein? YES NO If approved, the estimated millage ($ 1.45 per $1,000 of taxable value) is expected to raise $5,506,872 in the first year. It is estimated that 97.09% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Canton for road improvements, and, as required by law, 2.91% would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority. The amount disbursed to the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority shall be collected solely from properties located in the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority. **CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of May, 2018 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, (referred as "Public Act 267 of 1976"), and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will or have been available as required by Public Act 267 of 1976. Michael Siegrist, Clerk Dated: May 2, 2018. Director Faas commented on the great work done by Bill Serchak, Engineering Services Manager with the Roads Task Force. Publically commending him on his efforts. At 7:07 p.m. the board took a break, reconvening at 7:15 p.m. **Additional Public Comment:** William Asper commented on his opinion regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program, giving his findings with regards to who has responsibility for paying for this program. Karen Skipper, 228 Buckingham, commented on a personal matter regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program. Engineering Manager Serchak spoke with Ms. Skipper regarding her issues and agreed to check into her concerns. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Pedestrian Pathways & Sidewalk Gaps PRESENTERS:** Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director Greg Hohenberger, Leisure Services Director **ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS:** Jon LaFever, Deputy Director of Leisure Services Brad Sharp, Facility Services Manager Bill Serchak, Engineering Services Manager Erika Hidalgo, Engineer II The board was provided a presentation outlining the status of the pedestrian pathway and sidewalk gap projects for 2018 and 2019. Directors Faas and Hohenberger explained the goals of the township regarding pedestrian pathways and sidewalk gaps. Director Hohenberger covered the pathways. Director Faas covered individual sidewalk gaps the township would like to complete, prioritizing the projects for the board. He also covered various grants the township is applying for. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available through the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Secretary to the Clerk at 734-394-5120. **Additional Public Comment:** None **OTHER:** Fishing Derby will be this Saturday. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk Pat Williams, Supervisor.**

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394- 5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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Save A Life

Program allows teens to experience effects of drugs, alcohol and driving

Romulus High School students will get a chance to "drive drunk" next month in an effort to save their lives.

For the second year, West Side Beer Distributing of Romulus is sponsoring a program designed to curb potentially dangerous driving habits of high school students by allowing them to experience the effects of drugs and alcohol on their coordination and response times behind the wheel of a car.

Rob Moore, vice president of human resources at West Side Beer Distributing, presented a check to members of the Romulus Drug Task Force, which partners with the Romulus School District on the Save a Life Tour. The second annual tour is set for 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, at Romulus High School.

This year, juniors and sophomores will be encouraged to get behind the wheel of a driving simulator and see what it's like when a driver is drunk, on drugs or texting.

Romulus Police Capt. Joshua Monte said data from the Traffic Bureau "reveals a large uptick of traffic crashes over the past two years, with the proximate cause being operators of motor vehicles driving in a matter where their attention is not on the operation of their motor vehicle."

He said the secondary violation of "distracted driving" includes, but is not limited to attending to personal hygiene, eating or drinking, reading, using a cellular phone or computer, physically attending to a passenger or pet or observing a video display while operating a motor vehicle.

The simulator involves students wearing special glasses that distort their vision as if they were driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Another experiment shows what it's like to text while driving.

City Treasurer Stacy Paige, who also serves as treasurer of the Drug Task Force, said hundreds of students participated a year ago. She said she was amazed how impactful the simulator was when she tried it herself.

"I think the students were really interested in it and enjoyed it," Paige said. "It was definitely an eye opener. It was a challenge. It was difficult to keep the vehicle on the road."

The goal of the Drug Task Force is to prevent the use of illegal drugs and alcoholic beverages. The funds raised go toward awareness and college scholarships.

West Side Beer Distributing Vice President Human Resources Rob Moore, center, presents a sponsorship check to Romulus Drug Task Force President the Rev. Arthur Willis, second from left. On hand were Drug Task Force Treasurer and City Treasurer Stacy Paige (left), and Task Force members Tanya Cofield and the Rev. William Kren. Photo by Roger Kadau

Moore said West Side Beer Distributing emphasizes the importance of safe driving and has made an annual donation to Save a Life because the program is impactful.

"At West Side Beer, we strongly believe in giving back to the communities we call home," Moore said. "Our employees live in and around Romulus and have children that go to Romulus schools and nearby districts. We care about their safety and well-being, and that of their friends and classmates. We strongly hope students who observe the Save a Life Tour in action take the lessons learned to heart and make good choices before and after they get behind the wheel."

For more information on the program, visit www.facebook.com/savealifetour.

City accepting entries for annual beautification awards

Romulus Beautification Committee members will accept nominations for the 2018 exterior home decorating contest through the month of July. To recommend a home or homes or a business, contact committee Chairperson Chris Dunn by e-mail at cdunn@romulusgov.com or call (734) 955-4556.

Last year, the city awarded 158 beautification award certificates, bringing the total to more than 250 in the last three years of the program. This year, businesses will participate in the contest and committee members said they expect entries to surpass that number.

At the April 17 Beautification Committee meeting, Mike Gubaci, president and general manager of Two Men and A Lawnmower Professional Lawn Care Company, was the guest speaker. He instructed the group on how to produce a healthy and beautiful lawn.

Gubaci listed 10 steps essential to effective lawn care:

• In early spring, repair any damage caused to the lawn by grubs, moles or small rodents.

• Rake the lawn to remove leaves and debris and to stimulate the grass root system.

• Fertilize the lawn with a mixture to include active ingredients for crab grass prevention.

• Water the lawn regularly. If the grass goes into a drought situation, it will be more susceptible to diseases. Always water in the early morning before the sun rises.

• Prep the lawnmower according to the manufacturer instructions. Sharpen the blades, change the oil, spark plugs, fuel and air filters.

• Cut to a height of 3-inches as a general rule. Cutting the lawn too low will make it more susceptible to drought and turning yellow.

• Every other week, alternate the cut patterns while mowing.

• Rake after mowing to stimulate the grass or mulch cut for several weeks after fertilizing to avoid bagging up the fertilizer recently put down.

• In the fall, thatch and feed the lawn.

• In the late fall, just before winter, seed the lawn.

For the best grass feeding and nutritional results, Gubaci said, hire a professional fertilizing company, or homeowners can purchase the product and follow the direction provided by the manufacturer themselves.

Two Men and a Lawn Mower has been based in Romulus since 1998. Gubaci, who lives in Romulus and is a former Romulus firefighter, said the firm provides lawn maintenance, fertilizing, shrub trimming, mulch, sod, shrubs, retaining walls, brick pavers and other landscaping work.

For more information on Two Men and a Lawn Mower, call (734) 955-9968 or email 2menandmower@comcast.net.

Free 6-week cancer survivor workshop offered in Inkster

The Inkster Commission in Aging has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and The Senior Alliance to offer a special series of workshops on Cancer: Thriving and Surviving.

The sessions are planned from 1-3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 16, 23 and 30 and June 6, 13 and 20 at the Dozier Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

There is an Enhanced Fitness Demonstration planned from 1-2 p.m. June 27.

The workshop is an interactive six-week program led by certified instructors designed to help cancer patients, cancer survivors and their loved ones live a healthier more enjoyable life. Since this is a full six-week workshop, new participants are unable to join after the second week.

The workshop will help participants understand how cancer affects the body; how to regain fitness during and after cancer treatment; how to manage stress and pain; how to recognize fatigue and the effects of treatment, and make decisions about treatment and complimentary therapies; how to develop skills to face uncertainty about the future and ways to work effectively with family and health care providers.

To register, contact: PATH Programs at 1-800-482-1455 or emainPATHPrograms@nkfm.org.

The sessions are free and snacks will be provided. Those who need any kind of accommodation to fully participate in the workshop should mention their needs when they register.

For additional information, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at the number above.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018 for the following:

2018 TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT PAVING PROGRAM

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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HOUSING REHABILITATIONS
(NOTE: EACH HOUSE TO BE BID SEPARATELY)

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 17/18-50 Three Year Contract for Maintenance & Repair
- Eight Storm Sewer Pump Stations

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from certified contractors for a three contract for the as needed repairs and maintenance of the City's eight existing storm sewer pump stations.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Thursday, **5/24/2018**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. A contract will ultimately be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 17/18-43 HARDWOOD FLOOR REFINISHING
AT THE ROMULUS ATHLETIC CENTER

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

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(2) An optional Pre-Bid Meeting has been scheduled for 10:00AM, Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road, Romulus, MI 48174.
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Wayne - Westland

Resident is named as a 'shining star'

A representative for Secretary of State Ruth Johnson recently presented Shelly Morell of Westland with a Shining Star Award. Shining Stars are given to groups or individuals who show exceptional dedication, outstanding support, novel partnerships or extraordinary efforts in the area of organ, tissue and eye donor awareness.

"Shelly Morell's dedication to improving and saving lives is immeasurable, and so is the impact she has had on Michigan residents," Johnson said. "I'm so pleased to recognize her continued advocacy for transplantation."

Morell began volunteering for Gift of Life Michigan shortly after both her mother and her aunt received life-saving transplants. She also founded Second Chance at Life, which provides financial assistance to transplant patients who are waiting for or who have received a transplant. Her organization has contributed over $4,000 to Eversight, the state eye bank, and has granted $105,000 to five Michigan transplant hospitals and the Gift of Life Foundation.

Johnson's East Michigan liaison Jennifer Helmer presented Morell with the award at Gift of Life Michigan in Ann Arbor. She was joined by representatives of Gift of Life Michigan and Eversight. Eversight nominated Morell for this award.

"Shelly always goes out of her way to help the transplant community," said Alex Teska, Eversight associate director of philanthropy. "She is known as one of the hardest workers in this community. She pours her blood, sweat and tears into all things involving donation."

At the beginning of Secretary Johnson's tenure in 2011, only 27 percent of Michigan residents had signed up to give the life-altering gift of an organ, tissue or eye donation. Today, 63 percent of residents have signed up.

Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry by visiting www.Michigan.gov/organdonation or any Secretary of State office. Those who sign up receive a heart emblem for their driver's license that indicates their decision to be an organ donor. People will receive a heart-logo sticker when people join the registry at a Secretary of State office or online. A new card with a permanent heart emblem is issued at renewal time. One person can transform the lives of up to 75 people through organ, tissue and eye donation, officials said.

Clean sweep

More than 150 volunteers gathered in downtown Wayne to participate in the Annual Clean-Up Day April 21. Volunteers were divided into teams and positioned throughout downtown, tasked with picking up trash and removing debris that had built up from this past winter. Volunteers focused on sweeping streets and cleaning up the islands and parking lots throughout downtown. Friends of the Rouge also led a team of volunteers in efforts to clean up the Wayne portion of the Rouge River and downtown trail system. More than 100 bags of trash were collected during the event. Groups providing support included; Friends of the Rouge, Healthy Wayne, Interact Club, Rouge-a-Palooza, the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, City of Wayne Department of Public Works, Wayne Memorial High School JROTC and the Wayne Rotary Club. Professional Insurance Associates and Tubby's-Wayne provided refreshments for volunteers. "When we work together, we can make Wayne an even greater community to live, work and grow together," said Wayne Main Street Executive Director Maxwell Cameron.

Police

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to working in Westland, White served on the Detroit Police Department for five years, served one year of active duty in the United States Army and served 6.5 years in the Army Reserve/National Guard.

He has been a member of the tactical response unit (TRU) since 2001 where he was trained both as an entry team member and a sniper. He has been in charge of TRU snipers since 2013. He has also been a member of the Honor Guard since 2009 and the Honor Guard Commander since 2013.

White also served as a field training officer, range officer and driving instructor. White's retirement allows for the promotion of Brassfield.

"The Westland Police Department has a 50-year, long tradition based on hard work and professionalism that has been demonstrated by Sergeant White during his nearly 20 years of service," commented Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "I am certain that both Sergeant Brassfield and Officer Kumeisha will be great additions to our agency and will continue to uphold our tradition.

"Congratulations to all three members of the Westland Police Department who are being honored tonight," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "I wish you all the best of luck on the next chapter of your respective journeys."

Chocolate Walk set for Saturday throughout Wayne

The Third Annual Wayne Main Street Chocolate Walk will take place in downtown Wayne form 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

Tickets for the event last year sold out, officials said, so early purchase is recommended as a large crowd is expected again this year. More than 150 people are expected to attend and downtown businesses including Ann Azimmerman Massage; Dairy Queen; EVCLabs and Vapor Lounge; Goody's Pet Supply; Helium Studio, Karma Coffee and Kitchen; Knights of Columbus-Notre Dame Lounge; Leo's Jewelry; Mean Ink Tattoo; Powers Woodcrafts; Puffer Reds; Tried & True Thrift Store and Village Dental have already committed to participating. Many of the participating businesses will be having special sales. Helium Studio will be providing coupons for 20 percent off one item and Leo's Jewelry will be hosting a Vera Bradley Giveaway.

The Chocolate Walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the Wayne Historical Museum located at 1 Town Square. Each participant will be provided an empty chocolate box and a map of participating businesses. Participants will then be invited to explore the historic downtown and pick up their individual chocolates at the participating businesses.

"This event is important to our downtown, it encourages community members and folks from surrounding communities to shop and explore downtown Wayne's unique offerings" said Wayne Main Street Board of Directors member Cindy Schofield

Tickets are priced at $12 if purchased in advance and $15 at registration (if available) and can be purchased at downtownwayne.org or on Eventbrite (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/third-annual-chocolate-walk-tickets-44373939648).

Proceeds from this event benefit Wayne Main Street programs and services. The event is being sponsored by the Wayne Downtown Development Authority.

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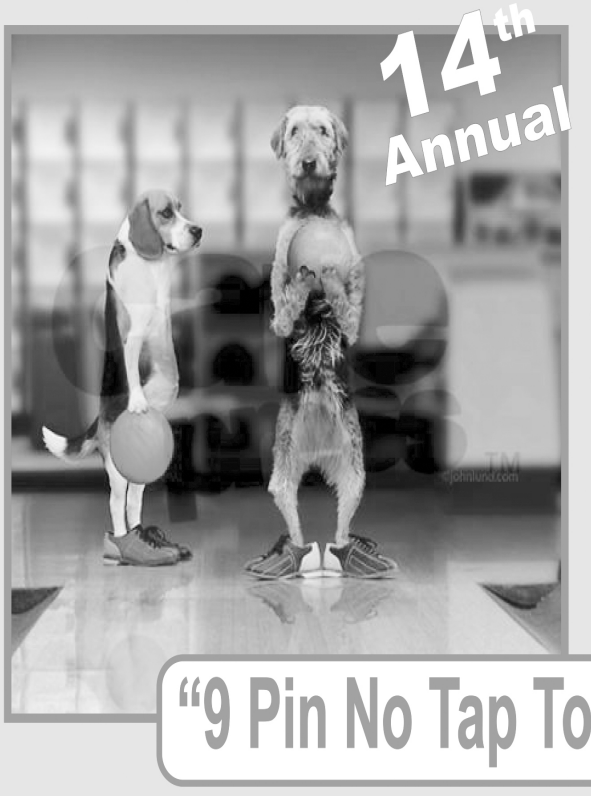

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Community Action Day is set for this Saturday

Julie Brown
Special Writer

This Saturday, more than 1,500 volunteers will gather at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) in downtown Plymouth to package 250,000 meals. The meals feed people both locally and internationally through the Kids Coalition Against Hunger (KCAH) as well as several local food banks.

"We have a lot of faith in this group," said KCAH Executive Director, noting it's the third year of the Greater Plymouth Service Project working against hunger.

Checks are welcome and should be payable and mailed to: Community Foundation of Plymouth-GPSP, P.O. Box 700866, Plymouth, MI 48170. The foundation is a 501 c(3) nonprofit entity, gifts may be tax-deductible.

Donations are also encouraged online at www.cfplymouth.org/May 12.

"It looks like we're going to have our funding in order," said Chairman Nick Schultz. Some $72,925 has been pledged, and most of that funding has been received. In addition to KCAH funds, some $15,000 beyond the goal is going to the Siegrist Memorial Youth Fund in memory of former chairman Dave Siegrist, who passed away.

Schultz praised the work in particular of committee member Jim Jabara, a longtime Kiwanian among service club and church members heading up the anti-hunger effort in which volunteers prepare packaged meals in the PARC gym.

"He's made a lot of calls," said Schultz. "Jim has been working real hard." He also had words of appreciation for Siegrist and his efforts.

"God bless Dave, for sure."

Teams and individuals of volunteers are needed on May 12, with shifts at 8:30-11 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 12:30-3 p.m. Lines of volunteers gather in the gym to assemble the ingredients for the food packages, which have a three-year shelf life.

Volunteer online at www.cfplymouth.org/May 12, or contact Doug Wallace via the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

One package of food provides six adult or 12 children's meals for $1.68. The packets deliver a highly nutritious meal developed by food scientists to provide easily digestible protein, carbohydrates and vitamins.

The food provides all nine of the essential amino acids for complete nutrition. It requires only six cups of boiling water to make a meal, and can be modified with herbs and spices to suit tastes.

In addition to service clubs and churches, a number of businesses and other organizations are also contributing to the May 12 event.

Northville offering School of Choice enrollment

Northville Public Schools will accept limited applications from out-of-district residents to attend classes as part of the Schools of Choice program.

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year will be accepted beginning May 14 and conclude at 4 p.m. June 8.

The availability is limited to five openings in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at Northville High School. This application process is limited to incoming juniors who are applying for the full IB Diploma Program.

In accordance with the legislated requirements, and in order to support the district goal of excellence and equity for all students, a review of each prospective student applicant's eligibility for the Diploma Program is required using the same criteria applied to prospective resident Diploma Program students.

The Northville Public Schools Section 105 and 105c (Non-Resident) Schools of Choice Application is available through the Office of Human Resources. Completed applications, including all forms and recommendations must be mailed or hand delivered to the Northville Public Schools Human Resources Department, 501 West Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, no later than 4 p.m. June 8. The district is unable to accept electronic applications.

Applicants found to be ineligible for the Diploma Program will be notified on or before June 22. Should the number of applications approved by the Diploma Program Review Team exceed the five openings specified for Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice students, the school district will use a random draw (lottery) to select the applicants who will be offered enrollment. If necessary, the lottery will take place at 8:30 a.m. on June 20 at the Northville Public Schools Board of Education offices, also located at 501 West Main St., Northville. Families applying for limited Schools of Choice are welcome to attend the lottery drawing. Selected students will be informed regarding placement no later than June 22.

Details regarding the lottery procedures, the Schools of Choice application, and answers to frequently asked questions about the Section 105 and 105c Schools of Choice option are available on the district website at www.northvilleschools.org.

Once a student is accepted to open enroll under Section 105 or 105c, he or she may continue to be enrolled in Northville Public Schools until graduation or until he or she withdraws from the program.

Annual Garden Club Walk is planned in Northville

The Country Garden Club of Northville, a branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, will host the Silver Anniversary Garden Walk this year.

The 25th annual Garden Walk is planned from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. July 11 and will feature six private gardens in Northville and Northville Township.

Centered in the historic 19th century Mill Race Village in Northville will be additional attractions for ticket holders including a garden market, live music on the green and complimentary refreshments made and served in historic Cady Inn. Proceeds from this fund raising event support local and national organizations, civic beautification and scholarships that promote environmental and horticultural causes.

Tickets are priced at $12 and are available in advance at Gardenviews Garden Gallery 117 E. Main St, Northville, (248) 380-8881 or $15 at the gate of Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave, Northville on July 11.

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Calendar of events

Register for golf outing

The Westland Chamber of Commerce and The Westland Community Foundation are now accepting registrations for the Golf Classic set for May 22 at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville.

The event is co sponsored by Michigan Chiropractic Specialists and WCA Assessing and usually sells out.

There will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and a scramble format. There are rates for single players and foursomes available which include breakfast; 18 holes of golf with a cart; lunch; beer and pop on the course; dinner with an open bar and a $20 gift certificate at Salem Hills, along with multiple cash prizes.

Sponsorships are also available. To register, call (734) 595-7727.

Library hosts book sale

The "Mother of all Book Sales" is planned for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12 at the William Faust Library. Saturday will also be Bag Day when a full bag of books is $4.

Everything at the sale will be priced at 25 cents in recognition of Mother's Day.

The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Westland Library. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Bowling aids animal shelter

The 9-Pin No Tap Tournament bowling fundraiser for the Romulus Animal Shelter will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 at Romulus Lanes.

Registration for the 14th annual event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The $25 per person fee includes ladies and men's mystery games, snacks and cash prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Space is limited and only 72 registrations will be available.

For more information, call Romulus Lanes at (734) 941-1640, Councilman Bill Wadsworth, (734) 941-0616 or Joe Ozog, (734) 941-3466.

Church hosts Spring Bazaar

St. John's Episcopal Church in Westland will host the annual Spring Bazaar from noon until 5 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

There will be arts, crafts, baked goods and flowers for sale and lunch will be available.

The church is located at 555 South Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

For more information, call (734) 721-5023 between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Representative meets public

State Rep. Jeff Noble will host an open office hour from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, May 14 at the Plymouth District Library located at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth.

"Hosting regular office hours is one of my top priorities," Noble said. "Connecting with community members and listening to their concerns is an important part of being a state representative."

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Noble at (517) 373-3816 or via email at JeffNoble@house.mi.gov.

Organized crime is topic

The Northville Historical Society will host a program about Early Organized Crime in Detroit this month.

The speaker will be Professor James Buccellato who spent several years researching his book about the rise of organized crime in Detroit.

His book, Early Organized Crime in Detroit: Vice, Corruption and the Rise of the Mafia, was released in late 2015. The program will take place at 7 p.m. May 15 at the New School Church at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St., Northville.

The program is free although donations are accepted at the door to help defray costs.

Romulus library is open

The Romulus Public Library will remain open during construction of the new 34th District Court building which will be built next to the facility.

A portion of the library parking lot has been fenced off and the west entrance to the campus off of Wayne Road is closed. Entrance to the library is available off of Goddard Road north and east of the library.

Maps of the construction area are available in the library for patrons and the information is available on the library website and social media sites. Construction is expected to be complete around this time next year and the parking lot will be resurfaced after the building is completed.

The library will be closed Saturday, May 26, for online system migration and on Monday, May 28 to observe Memorial Day.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Historical Museum hosts exhibit

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a celebration of students' work and alumni lives from 6-8 p.m. May 16. Plymouth operated various school at 650 Church St. from November 1853 through June 2015. More than 10,000 students graduated during those years.

The museum will display 26 board showcasing students' live and contributions to their communities.

The project was made possible by a grant from the Wilcox Foundation.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. The museum is located at 155 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

City-wide garage sale planned

Romulus will host the annual City-Wide Garage/Yard Sale this year on Thursday, May 17, Friday, May 18, Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20.

To participate, residents must register in the office of the city clerk.

For more information, call City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 942-7540.

Rain dates will be May 24 through May 27.

Recreation Forum scheduled

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex will host a Recreation Forum from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Special speakers for the evening include Ted Barker and Buddy Shuh. Doors will open at 6:30 and the presentation will begin at 7 p.m. An optional tour of the facility will begin at 8 p.m.

The forum will take place in the theater at the PARC building, 650 Church St. in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 927-4090 or email Plymouthparc@gmail.com.

Relay for Life Saturday

The Relay for Life of Canton-Plymouth will take place from noon until 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at Heritage Park in Plymouth.

Geneva Church will have a tent and team and begin the celebratory Survivor Walk at noon followed by a free luncheon for all survivors and their caregivers

The evening will end with a memorial Luminary Walk.

To sign up with the Geneva Presbyterian Church Team, contact co-captains Ella Bastine (734) 397-0870 or Julie Graunstadt (734) 414-0313 or sign up online at acsevents.org/goto/Geneva Church.

Homebuying seminar offered

Wayne County Community College District will offer a free Homebuying Seminar from 10 a.m. until noon May 19 at the Ted Scott Campus at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Topics will include credit repair, down payment assistance, available grants and other topics.

For more information call (734) 697-9511.

Markets

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Merrie Druyor said of the vendors. She noted residents like that of Romulus' market, under DDA auspices.

Information on the Belleville Farmers Market is on the Central Business Community Website at www.bellevillecbc.org. The Belleville market will be open from 4-7:30 p.m. each Monday during June through September in downtown Belleville Fourth Street Square.

The Canton Farmers Market will open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. May 13 at Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Road. Mother's Day's opening will feature entertainment and special activities. The market continues on Sundays through Oct. 14.

The Inkster market is set for 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays, June 20 through Sept. 26, at 2233 Inkster Road. Many food assistance programs are accepted. Assisting is the Michigan Farmers Market Association (MIFMA), a member-based, statewide association with a mission to advance farmers markets to create a thriving marketplace for local food and farm products.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market runs 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. Thursdays at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

It's now open and will continue through Oct. 25. For more information, visit www.northville.org.

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